

Politburo of WPK Central Committee holds consultative meeting



Meeting discusses reinforcement of state anti-epidemic capacities, preparations for Fifth Plenary Meeting of Eighth Party Central Committee

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The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea convened a consultative meeting

at the office building of the Party Central Committee on May 21 to discuss the matters relating to the readjustment and reinforcement of the present state anti-epidemic capacities and preparations for

the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, guided the meeting.

Attending the meeting were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and

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members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

Present there as observers were officials in the state emergency anti-epidemic sector and a leading official of the Ministry of Public Health.

The Political Bureau heard a report of the state emergency epidemic prevention headquarters on the state of the epidemic spread as of May 20.

First, the consultative meeting discussed the issue of more effectively engineering and executing the anti-epidemic policies of the Party and the state in line with the overall situation in which the spread of the epidemic is being stably contained and controlled.

The Political Bureau appreciated that the stable situation is maintained in the overall areas in which the nationwide spread of the epidemic has been gradually contained and the number of people recovered has increased with the death toll sharply decreasing day by day as an all-people anti-epidemic campaign was launched to display the might and spirit of heroic Korea in the combat against the malignant epidemic according to the decision and instruction of the Party Central Committee on switching over from the state epidemic prevention system to the top emergency anti-epidemic system.

The General Secretary outlined and analyzed the results of the anti-epidemic work in the past nine days after the start of the anti-epidemic war.

Appreciating the current affirmative trend in the state emergency anti-epidemic effort, he said the achievements made in the ongoing campaign are an outcome of our Party's correct guidance, the politico-ideological superiority of our socialist system and the organizing

ability and unity peculiar to it.

He stressed the need to maintain the current favourable turn on the overall anti-epidemic front by continually and rapidly regulating and optimizing the state anti-epidemic policy in keeping with the developments and mapping out the state strategy and tactics accordingly and to take all possible steps for revitalizing the overall economy at the same time.

He said that it is necessary to make all the Party members recollect and arm themselves once again with the overall epidemic prevention measures our Party has maintained for more than two years since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, the present state anti-epidemic guidelines and regulations and the experience and lessons gained in the course of implementing them so that the Party organizations can recognize again their duty and role and the Party members their mission in overcoming the current health crisis and all the people raise consciousness.

He stressed the important tasks and ways for reliably safeguarding our public health defence line by continuously pushing ahead with the work for containing the spread of the epidemic to the maximum and improving medical treatment of the persons who have fever and are tested positive for the epidemic and by consistently holding fast to the overall anti-epidemic principles and measures taken by our Party.

Saying that it is necessary to grasp the inefficiency of the statewide work through an acute consideration and create an opportunity to achieve signal development of the state capacity for coping with crisis, he stressed that all sectors and units should not take shortsighted and temporary measures, but dynamically push ahead with the readjustment and reinforcement from

the strategic viewpoint and study and establish the emergency action programme and working system.

He called for certainly winning great victory in the all-people campaign against the malignant virus by directing great efforts to protecting the health of medical workers and providing their living conditions, developing the communist virtues and beautiful traits into a fine style of life in our society and promoting the patriotic, collectivist and socialist spirit among the people.

Repeatedly stressing the duty and role of the Party and responsibility of Party workers in the current public health crisis facing the country, he said that our Party organizations and workers should stand in the places the people are afraid of, anxious about and troubled with and become the bulletproof walls for defending the people with infinite devotion and steady loyalty to them.

He pointed out the important matters related to the role and immediate tasks of the field of jurisdiction, prosecution and public security.

The consultative meeting discussed the issue of setting up district medical treatment centres for planning and commanding medical service to cope with the epidemic and deploying medical forces throughout the country in a balanced way, the issue of establishing medicine supply centres and bases in Pyongyang Municipality, all provinces, districts and counties and improving the efficiency, speed and safety of the supply of medicines, the issue of positively using Koryo medicines with great efficacy in the treatment, the issue of enhancing the production capacity of pharmaceutical factories and increasing the variety of essential and reserve medicines and the issue of strongly taking fundamental measures for further cementing the

material and technical foundations of the public health sector, and took relevant policy-oriented measures.

Next, the meeting discussed the issue of dispatching practical guidance teams to each province to conduct a general survey of the execution of the Party and state policies for the first half of the year 2022 as part of the preparations for the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

Saying that the struggle to implement the Party's line for the comprehensive development of socialism should constantly be pushed ahead without interruption together while continuously waging the high-intensity state emergency anti-epidemic campaign, the General Secretary said that the practical guidance teams should be organized for surveying, according to each region and sector, the execution of the Party and state policies assigned at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK with members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

He stressed that leading officials should adopt timely measures after accurately surveying on site the operation of the emergency anti-epidemic system along with the production in the industrial sectors and actual conditions of the agricultural sector in all farming processes for the implementation of major policy-oriented tasks.

Saying that the leading officials, who are dispatched to each province, should solemnly accept the heavy responsibility given by the Party and the people, find innovative measures on the basis of accurate understanding of the actual conditions in the field and report them to the plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee so that they may be reflected in relevant decisions, he indicated the ways for doing so.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un visits bier of late Hyon Chol Hae



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, visited the bier of Marshal of the Korean People's Army Hyon Chol Hae, general adviser to the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK and winner of the Order of Kim Il Sung and the Order of Kim Jong Il, on May 20 to express deep condolences over his death.

He was accompanied by Choe Ryong Hae, Jo Yong Won, Kim Tok Hun, Pak Jong Chon and Ri Pyong Chol, who are members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, the members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, the members of the WPK Central Military Commission, leading officials of the Ministry of National Defence, commanders of the KPA

services and commanders and political commissars of the army corps.

Amid the playing of dirge, the hall was wrapped in a bitter grief over the loss of the prominent political and military activist of the Party, state and revolutionary armed forces who was a soldier faithful to President Kim Il Sung and a revolutionary comrade-in-arms faithful to Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

A wreath in the name of Kim Jong Un was laid before the bier of the deceased.

Also placed there were wreaths in the name of the WPK Central Committee, the WPK Central Military Commission, the Standing Committee of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly and the DPRK Cabinet.

Kim Jong Un paid a silent tribute to the memory of Hyon Chol Hae, a veteran of the armed forces organ of the DPRK

and a trustworthy revolutionary who performed distinguished feats all his life in the sacred struggle to defend the sovereignty of the nation and the supreme interests of the country with the single-hearted and boundless loyalty and the spirit of devoted service to the Party, the revolution, the country and the people.

He went round the bier of the deceased with bitter grief over the loss of the precious revolutionary comrade who left an indelible and remarkable trace in Party building and the development of the revolutionary armed forces with absolute loyalty to the leader, the transparent revolutionary principle and uprightness.

Noting that Hyon Chol Hae had fully displayed matchless heroism and self-sacrificing spirit in the struggle to devotedly defend President Kim Il Sung for the past decades since the glorious days of his service in the bodyguard company

during the grim Fatherland Liberation War and dedicated himself to the sacred cause of strengthening the KPA into the revolutionary armed forces faithful only to the leader's guidance while acting as a close aide to Chairman Kim Jong Il providing the Songun revolutionary leadership during the Arduous March and the forced march, Kim Jong Un said that his death is a great loss to the Party, army and people that can be compensated with nothing.

All the Party members, men and officers of the KPA and people should follow his loyalty and revolutionary faith, always remembering the brilliant life of the veteran revolutionary that has been recorded as a gold star in the glorious history of feats of the revolutionary armed forces, he stressed.

He expressed his deep condolences to the bereaved family and warmly consoled them.



Ceremony held for carrying coffin of late Hyon Chol Hae



Kim Jong Un carries the coffin out of the house together with Presidium members

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A ceremony for carrying the coffin of Marshal of the Korean People's Army Hyon Chol Hae, general adviser to the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK, took place at the April 25 House of Culture in Pyongyang on the morning of May 22.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, attended the state funeral.

Present there were members of the state funeral committee, including Choe Ryong Hae, Jo Yong Won, Kim Tok Hun, Pak Jong Chon and Ri Pyong Chol, who are members of the Presidium of

the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee, members of the WPK Central Military Commission and leading officials of the Ministry of National Defence, and the bereaved family.

Flags were flying at half-mast at the April 25 House of Culture where the bier of the deceased laid.

The colours and guards of honour of the three services of the KPA were seen standing near the bier.

There was the ceremony for carrying the coffin of the late Hyon Chol Hae out of the house.

Amid the playing of the funeral

music, Kim Jong Un, chairman of the state funeral committee, together with members of the committee, paid silent tribute to the memory of the deceased.

Hardly being able to repress the great sorrow over the loss of the steadfast revolutionary, Kim Jong Un carried the coffin out of the funeral hall together with the members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

Men and officers of the KPA lined up at the plaza of the April 25 House of Culture, containing the bitter grief of bidding farewell to the deceased.

The guards of honour covered the coffin with the national flag of the DPRK, a sacred flag of honour, in reflection of the

respect of all the KPA service personnel.

Kim Jong Un saw the coffin off, expressing deep mourning for the deceased once again together with all the service personnel at the plaza.

The hearse took the street under the escort of motorcycles after passing a column of the KPA colours and the guards of honour paying deep respect for the deceased.

On both sides of the avenues, a great many service personnel and citizens gave him a send-off with deep regret over the last parting with the true soldier who upheld the Party and the leader with a single mind all his life just like the arms of revolution that remain unchanged forever and a model of the patriot.



Funeral service given in honour of late KPA marshal



The General Secretary attends funeral ceremony

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A ceremony took place at the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinniri, Pyongyang, on the afternoon of May 22 to bid farewell to the late Marshal of the Korean People's Army Hyon Chol Hae, general adviser to the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, attended the ceremony.

Present there were Choe Ryong Hae, Jo Yong Won, Kim Tok Hun, Pak Jong Chon and Ri Pyong Chol, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, members of the WPK Central Military Commission, leading officials of the

Ministry of National Defence and other members of the State Funeral Committee, officials of the WPK Central Committee, servicepersons of the KPA and the bereaved family members of the deceased.

Flags were flying at half-mast at the cemetery and the colours and honour guards of the KPA lined up there.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un received the coffin of the late Hyon Chol Hae at the entrance of the cemetery, together with members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

He climbed the cemetery with members of the state funeral committee and the bereaved family members following the remains of the deceased.

Kim Jong Un paid noble tribute to the martyrs buried at the cemetery before the ceremony.

With the declaration of the start of the ceremony the national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

Pak Jong Chon, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, made a eulogy.

A ceremony for burying the remains of the late Hyon Chol Hae was held.

A volley of 180 shots were fired for the deceased out of bitterness upon parting forever from the prominent political and military activist who made an immortal contribution to the Party, revolution, country and people at a historic time when the Korean people win a great victory full of confidence and vitality.

Kim Jong Un spread earth on the remains, repressing his sorrow over the last parting with a precious veteran of revolution whom he heartily respected

and dearly treasured.

The members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee and bereaved family members spread earth on the remains.

Warmly recollecting the sincere and devoted life of the veteran revolutionary who upheld the Party and leader with faith, conscience and obligation all his life, free from affectation and inconstancy, the General Secretary was overwhelmed with bitterness.

A wreath in the name of Kim Jong Un was laid at the grave amid the playing of the wreath-laying music.

Wreaths were also placed there in the name of the WPK Central Committee, the WPK Central Military Commission, the Standing Committee of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly and the

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DPRK Cabinet.

Kim Jong Un, together with all the participants in the ceremony, paid silent tribute in memory of the late Hyon Chol Hae who became the firm root of the great state with his revolutionary life and undying achievements.

Saying that whenever recollecting

the arduous Songun march made by Chairman Kim Jong Il, he comes to think about Hyon Chol Hae first who always remained faithful to the Chairman as his closest political and military aide, Kim Jong Un stressed that the life of a revolutionary soldier shining in the sacred history of the leader is the most vivid expression of the most worthwhile life.

He said that though the veteran revolutionary passed away, the name of Hyon Chol Hae would be always remembered along with the august name of Kim Jong Il and his noble soul and spirit would be immortal along with the cause of the Party winning victory after victory with each passing day and remarkable development of the great state and armed forces of the DPRK.

Hyon Chol Hae, a steadfast revolutionary who remained boundlessly faithful to the revolutionary idea and cause of the Party Central Committee till the last moments of his life, will always be kept in the noble memory of the great leader and in the mind of the Korean people and servicepersons who are vigorously advancing towards the final victory of the Juche revolution.



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Hyon Chol Hae, Marshal of the Korean People's Army and general advisor to the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK, died at the age of 87 at 9:00 am on May 19.

An obituary of Hyon Chol Hae was published on May 19 in the name of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the WPK Central Military Commission, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK.

The obituary said Hyon Chol Hae

KPA Marshal Hyon Chol Hae, general advisor to DPRK Defence Ministry, dies

was a prominent political and military activist who remained infinitely faithful to the Party and the leader and devotedly served the country and people during his whole life and dedicated his noble life to the sacred struggle to defend the national sovereignty and supreme interests of the country and achieve victory in the cause of Juche.

Hyon Chol Hae was born as a son of a revolutionary in Yanji County in Jilin Province, China, on August 13 1934.

After Korea's liberation from Japanese military rule, he attended Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and grew up into a competent military and political official of the Korean People's Army.

During the Fatherland Liberation War he fought bravely in defence of the Supreme Headquarters as member of the Bodyguard Company of the Central Guard Regiment. After the war, he worked

at the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the South Phyongan Provincial Party Committee and then as instructor, deputy director and director of a department of the General Political Bureau of the KPA and director of the political department of the 4th Corps, being promoted to a general in his 30s.

As he held responsible posts of the military education sector and the KPA's supply service sector from June 1976, he worked devotedly to increase the combat capabilities of the KPA in every way.

After assuming the heavy responsibility of the deputy director of the General Political Bureau of the KPA in October 1995, he faithfully supported the Songun revolutionary leadership of Chairman Kim Jong Il during the Arduous March and forced march to make a big contribution to building up the country's military strength and safeguarding the country, revolution and socialism.

Working as a department

director of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK from March 2009, he made energetic efforts for the advancement of the cause of socialist construction.

He worked as first vice-minister of the People's Armed Forces and concurrently director of the General Bureau of Supply Service of the ministry and advisor to the general bureau from April 2012, and as general advisor to the Ministry of the People's Armed Forces and general advisor to the Ministry of National Defence from September 2014, during which he took the lead in faithfully following the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's idea and line of building the revolutionary armed forces as befitted a veteran of the KPA.

He was elected as alternate member of the Party Central Committee in December 1991, member of the Party Central Committee in December 1993 and member of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee and member of the Central Military

Commission of the WPK in April 2012, and also as deputy to the 10th, 11th and 12th Supreme People's Assembly.

He was awarded the Order of Kim Il Sung and the Order of Kim Jong Il and other high Party and state decorations.

He was conferred the title of vice marshal of the KPA in April 2012 and that of marshal of the KPA in April 2016.

A national funeral commission was formed with the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un as its chairman, comprising over 180 Party and state cadres including Choe Ryong Hae, Jo Yong Won, Kim Tok Hun, Pak Jong Chon, Ri Pyong Chol and Ri Il Hwan.

Officials of Party and government organs, working people's organizations and institutions at all levels and officers and men of military organs visited the bier of the late Hyon Chol Hae at the April 25 House of Culture in Pyongyang to mourn for him.

Premier learns about farming, emergency anti-epidemic situation in North Hwanghae and Nampho



Premier Kim Tok Hun acquaints himself with proceeding farming processes at the Migok Cooperative Farm in Sariwon City.

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Premier Kim Tok Hun, who is also member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party

of Korea and vice-president of the DPRK State Affairs Commission, got familiar with immediate farming and emergency anti-epidemic situation in North Hwanghae Province and Nampho City on the

spot.

Making the rounds of the Migok Cooperative Farm in Sariwon City, the Sokjong Cooperative Farm in Hwangju County, the Chongsan Cooperative Farm in Kangso District and other farms in North Hwanghae Province and Nampho City, the Premier gave pep-talks to agricultural workers and helpers who have made strenuous efforts in the major thrust area of socialist construction in response to the decisions of the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee and acquainted himself with the problems arising in farming after the operation of the top emergency anti-epidemic system.

Officials in the agricultural sector should bear deep in mind that to overcome the effect of disastrous abnormal climate is of key importance in attaining the grain production goal and make full, effective use of labour and means to meet persisting unfavourable weather conditions so as to wage

the drought damage prevention campaign more vigorously, he said.

He called for finishing immediate rice-transplantation qualitatively and in time by manuring and cultivating preceding crops including wheat and barley scientifically and technologically, actively introducing advanced seedling growing methods, firmly adhering to scientific farming and increasing the proportion of the farm work done by machines.

The Premier familiarized himself with the anti-epidemic situation while looking round pharmacies in Sariwon City and Hwangju and Yonhan counties of North Hwanghae Province, and Kangso and Waudu districts of Nampho City.

Saying that the lines and policies of the Party Central Committee set forth in the Politburo meeting and consultative meetings of the Party Central Committee should be implemented without condition, he

called for scrupulously organizing the transport and supply of medical supplies so that the medicines prepared under the care of the Party could correctly reach residents in time.

He also referred to the need for pharmacies to improve environment in a hygienic and cultured way, give top priority to the people's convenience and improve the service of politely informing them of the directions and dosage of medicines and enhance the role of power organs in the provision of materials for the people's life including sufficient supply of vegetables and condiments to local residents.

At the port of Nampho, the Premier stressed the need to strictly observe anti-epidemic regulations and orders in the keeping and dealing of freight as required by the top emergency anti-epidemic system with extraordinary consciousness that they defend the outpost line of the anti-epidemic war.

Economy picks up in top emergency anti-epidemic situation

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Production rises under emergency anti-epidemic system

Over the past ten days under the top emergency anti-epidemic system, careful and minute plans have been worked out to keep production and construction going steadily and strong measures taken to implement them in all workplaces across the country.

The Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex overfulfilled its plan for the production of pig iron and steel.

The Posan Iron Works produced 1.1 times more iron than before and other metallurgical industry bases in all parts of the country also worked hard to increase production.

The February 8 Vinalon Complex and Hungnam Fertilizer Complex increased the nitrogen fertilizer production by 5 percent.

The Pukchang area youth and Kujang area coal-

mining complexes produced hundreds of tons of more coal respectively in the past ten days.

The Pyongyang General Electric Cable Factory 326, the Kusong Machine Tool Factory and other producers in the field of the machine-building industry hit their production targets for equipment and parts.

The Sangwon Cement Complex exceeded the cement production target for ten days by 10.2 percent and the Taean Friendship Glass Factory, the Hamhung Wood Processing Factory and other building materials production units fulfilled their daily and weekly plans.

The Ryuwon Footwear Factory carried out its daily production plan at 105 percent on average and other light industry factories hit their production targets.

Rice-transplanting progresses at fast pace in South Hwanghae

Farmers in South Hwanghae Province are transplanting rice seedlings in thousands of hectares every day even under the top emergency anti-epidemic situation.

Insulator producer ensures steady production in anti-epidemic situation

The Kyongsong Insulator Factory boosts production of insulators and electrical equipment, while maintaining emergency anti-epidemic measures.

Salt production plan for May fulfilled

The Salt Industry Bureau carried out its production plan for May.

The output of salt from underground ultra-brine further increased than previously.

Salt works throughout the country introduced and completed a general drainage canal operating system, applied rational working methods and scrupulously

organized production and the repair of salt fields to boost production.

Electric power production grows every day

Electric power producers across the DPRK, which have increased power production since early this year, the one of key importance in implementing the five-year plan, have generated a greater deal of power than before the operation of the top emergency anti-epidemic system.

Railway bureau transports more freight in strict anti-epidemic posture

The Pyongyang Railway Bureau increases freight transport even under the top emergency anti-epidemic situation.

The Pukchang railway branch bureau organizes the formation of trains in all directions in a rational way to cut down the round-trip time of engines and goods wagons and carry freight as planned without fail.

The Sariwon railway

branch bureau reduces the stoppage time of trains to send goods wagons as early as possible.

The Phyongsong railway station has adopted all necessary measures to ensure that medicines for the anti-epidemic efforts would arrive at the destinations in time.

The Sariwon and Pyongyang locomotive corps have employed efficient driving methods according to sections and promote mass movements to carry more freight safely every day.



The Taean Heavy Machine Complex steps up the production of custom-built equipment.

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Top emergency
anti-epidemic system
in operation
16 days

COVID-19 situation in DPRK

Over 100 460 people contracted fever (some 5 040 less than the previous day), more than 139 180 others fully recovered (some 17 840 less than the previous day) and one person died in the DPRK from 18:00 on May 25 to 18:00 on May 26.

A total of more than 3 270 850 persons caught fever nationwide between late April and 18:00 of May 26, and over 3 037 690 (92.871% of them) were fully recovered and some 233 090 (7.127% of them) were undergoing treatment.

So far, 69 people have died and the fatality is 0.002%.

Medicines delivered to thousands of families in capital city

By Pak Song Min PT

Recently the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent cartons of medicines to families of war veterans and honoured disabled soldiers and needy families in Pyongyang.

Members of the commanding team of the Ministry of National Defence for the supply of medicines in Pyongyang and officials of the municipality directly conveyed to the relevant families the cartons associated with the General Secretary's love for the

people.

Such cartons associated with the Workers' Party of Korea's benevolence quickly reached thousands of families in the municipality as lots of officials turned out to convey them to the families as soon as possible.

A war veteran in Mujin-dong No. 1, Songyo District, said his family members all wept as they received such medicines sent by the Party when residents were suffering from agony because of the unexpected health crisis and expressed his determination

to live as befits a member of the victorious wartime generation though he is old.

An honoured disabled soldier in Sunan District said he could hardly find words to express his emotion as officials visited his home, bringing a similar carton with them, and exclaimed that they were not afraid of any malignant disease under the care of the WPK.

A resident of Samhung-dong No. 1 in Mangyongdae District said that his family came to enjoy the great benevolence of the General Secretary only a few days

after they heard with deep emotion that the national leader sent to people in South Hwanghae Province the reserve medicines his family had prepared and expressed his gratitude to the WPK for showing concern even for an ordinary worker's family's trivial inconvenience in life.

Many other people, including a researcher of the Academy of Medical Science and a worker at Pyongyang University of Tourism, received similar cartons sent by the General Secretary.

The new poster encourages all people to turn out in the anti-epidemic war.



Posters on anti-epidemic campaign issued

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Posters arousing all the people to the campaign against COVID-19 have been produced.

The posters intensively reflect the appeal of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea to all the people and service personnel to keep firm faith and round off the anti-epidemic war, the adamant resolve and will of combatants of the medical sector of the Korean People's Army to spearhead the campaign to victory on the special order of the WPK Central Military

Commission and the requirement for persistently pressing ahead with the struggle for implementing the Party's line on the comprehensive development of socialism true to the spirit of the Eighth Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth WPK Central Committee.

They also show the great zeal for giving fuller play to the virtues and affection peculiar to the DPRK in the ongoing fierce anti-epidemic war and the idea of fully meeting the demand of the top emergency anti-epidemic system by everyone everywhere.

Hygienic information promptly spread across country

By Han Kwi Hun PT

Hygienic information data needed for the treatment of the infectious disease are being distributed rapidly.

Newspaper *Inmin Pogon* edits in a concentrated manner articles reflecting common knowledge related to a mutant virus.

Different explanatory and information data have been distributed.

Explanatory data have been urgently written and distributed to call on all members of the society to ensure unity in thinking and action in the current anti-epidemic war, stably control and manage the anti-epidemic situation by assisting and cooperating with one another, launch a more intensive sterilization campaign to cope with

the prevailing situation and fulfil their voluntary obligation.

Publicity is given to the data contributing to strictly observing anti-epidemic demands in residential quarters and public places and widening the people's general knowledge of hygiene, including that related to the matter of further strengthening the anti-epidemic work in families, the one of understanding the importance of masks lest they should reveal slightest deviations in wearing them and the method of treating patients with fever in families.

Other explanatory data on Koryo therapies and folk remedies that can contribute to the emergency anti-epidemic work are being circulated.

Country shows unique sense of organization, solidarity in anti-epidemic war

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The current situation of the spread of malignant virus in the DPRK shows a steady decrease from the rapid increase in the beginning, a positive trend towards stable containment and control of the disease and a daily boost in the number of fully recovered persons all across the country.

The Korean people have keenly realized the validity and scientific accuracy of the emergency epidemic prevention policies of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state which have been enforced for two years and three months since the start of the global health crisis through the ongoing anti-

epidemic war and are out in the fight against the virus with the conviction that they will surely win the war when they regard the policies of the Party Central Committee as their lifeline and carry them through by maintaining a high degree of unity of voluntary action.

Officials of Party and government organs in each province, city and county conduct information activities in various forms and methods to enhance public crisis awareness and sense of responsibility in the present anti-epidemic situation and take detailed and proactive steps to turn their local areas and units into safety zones as early as possible.

They scrupulously

organize the work to ensure a steady supply of staple and subsidiary foods and condiments to households and drinking water with high hygienic safety as well.

After being committed to hundreds of pharmacies in the capital city of Pyongyang, the combatants of the military medical field of the Korean People's Army are spearheading the anti-epidemic campaign in the city by displaying great devotion.

As they supply medicines according to prescriptions in collaboration with civilian medical workers, the medics also give patients diagnoses and treatment. They installed various sound facilities and TVs in pharmacies to explain

and publicize the validity and vitality of the anti-epidemic policies of the Party and the state and common medical knowledge.

A great deal of medicines in over 70 kinds went to 4 900-odd medicine management stations and curative and preventive institutions and over 4 300 pharmacies and medicine kiosks across the country between May 17 and 19.

Based on the results of intensive disease screening and medical check-ups of all the people, relevant sectors launched into a detailed analysis of patients according to symptoms, ages and genders and push in a planned way the work to establish a denser nationwide

examination network and improve the examiners' special expertise and skills.

The medical science research sector has ascertained a plan for drug administration to those with fever and unique physical constitutions and stepped up the development of new test and antibody test reagents for the early detection of the infectious disease.

According to information available, well over a million persons including medical workers in hospitals at all levels, lecturers and students of medical workers training institutions and people in charge of hygiene in each unit across the country are engaged in disease screening, medical check-ups, treatment

and hygienic information activities to thoroughly block and root out the source of the spread of the virus.

Lots of household doctors examine the health of residents in a responsible manner and do strict medical observation and give treatment to those with fever and confirmed cases all across the country.

Under the unified guidance of the state emergency anti-epidemic headquarters, various presentations and printed matter on common knowledge about the prevention and cure of the disease have been made and distributed, going a long way towards giving the public a scientific awareness of the anti-epidemic campaign.

Measures taken to maintain stability on overall anti-epidemic front

By Ri Sung Ik PT

With preemptive and scientific emergency anti-epidemic policies and important measures taken by the Workers' Party of Korea and the state being embodied without delay on the overall anti-epidemic front, activities are offensively conducted to keep taking advantage of the circumstances and accelerate the favourable turn.

At present, the nationwide case and death rates have remarkably been reduced and the number of the recovered has increased as the spread of COVID-19 has been effectively controlled to keep up remarkable stability of situation.

All sectors and units have enforced stronger discipline for immediately and perfectly implementing the state anti-epidemic policies regulated flexibly to cope with the changing anti-

epidemic situation.

On the basis of scientific analysis of the overall anti-epidemic situation of the country done in accordance with the decision items of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the state emergency epidemic prevention headquarters and the Cabinet carefully map out plans and take practical measures to promptly cope with unexpected emergency cases including the many-sided work for the confirmation of spread route, overall amendment and supplement of sectoral code of conduct for bolstering up the state's capacity to cope with the crisis, and the promotion of production capacity and working out of a long-range plan in the pharmaceutical industry sector.

The public health sector and sci-tech research institutes are intensifying the

resurvey of epidemiological and clinical features among those with fever and the recovered to clarify in more detail the incubation period, clinical symptom, recurrence rate, reaction to medicine, rate of serious illness and course of the disease.

And treatment plans have constantly been perfected according to stages including the age, occupation, constitution and chronic disease of persons with fever and the development and production of different testing reagents and curative medicines are being pushed.

Over a million medical officials, teachers and students of medical workers training institutions and hygienic activists have been mobilized in the treatment of patients, disease screening and medical check-up and sterilization and nearly 10 000 mobile service teams are active throughout the country.

Information and motivation activities have been conducted more briskly through the mass media and education network to intensively propagate anti-epidemic knowledge, hygienic knowledge, the selection and use of medicines and treatment experience so that everyone can turn out in the anti-epidemic campaign with full anti-epidemic consciousness and the ability to cope with the disease.

Medics of the Korean People's Army ensure the supply of medicines in more detail and more positively according to residential quarters, households and individuals, and not only help visitors to pharmacies but also visit patients to inform them of folk remedies and Koryo therapies according to the symptoms of aftereffects in their efforts to spearhead the emergency anti-epidemic war.

Medics perform mission as special detachment of WPK for defending people



Medics of the Korean People's Army offer 24/7 service to protect people's lives and safety.

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

The combatants in the medical sector of the Korean People's Army put their heart and soul into defending the people for 10 days and nights since they were urgently committed to the emergency anti-epidemic front in Pyongyang.

As soon as it received the special order of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea on urgently throwing a contingent of KPA medics to the emergency anti-epidemic front in the capital city on May 15, the commanding team of the Ministry of National

Defence scrupulously planned and commanded the operation to spearhead the anti-epidemic campaign in the capital.

They learned about the distribution of pharmacies in each region correctly again and newly set up over 50 temporary mobile medicine service stations in close collaboration with officials of Party and government organs.

They also took timely practical measures to provide the people with every convenience including the making of over 2 million medicine packets, the compilation and printing of thousands of

copies of explanations about folk remedies and Koryo therapies, some 32 500 copies of the collection of various kinds of general information on hygiene and over 1 600 registers on reception and sales of medicines and urgent distribution of them to improve the effectiveness of medical treatment and supply of medicines.

Trucks for the transport of medicines assigned to over 670 posts worked around the clock to supply necessary medicines to the citizens.

The medics counselled visitors and provided medical service while supplying medicines to

pharmacies for 24 hours.

Many stories were told about them who continued to visit workplaces and families of residents day and night for the patients suffering from fever and worked hard for the timely supply of medicines to the needy families.

The military truck drivers voluntarily did good things for the people. They helped dog officials and neighbourhood units near the pharmacies remove household waste during their breaks and carried fresh vegetables from cooperative farms in the suburbs to supply them to the residents.

By To Kyong Chol PT

In the ongoing fierce anti-epidemic campaign in the DPRK, people are performing virtuous, admirable deeds as they care for patients, aiding inconvenient persons and helping those in difficulties.

Some days ago, all the roads were crowded with travellers as the national emergency epidemic prevention system was switched into the top emergency anti-epidemic mechanism.

Passengers hurriedly took seats as buses of the North Hamgyong Provincial Long-distance Passenger Vehicle Company arrived at bus stops after leaving Chongjin.

The buses seemed to get off, but drivers stopped their engines and conductors got onto the buses to distribute lunch boxes to passengers.

They thanked the conductors for the unexpected food boxes. Then the conductors said they were sent by officials of Kilju County, who prepared them with sincerity according to the instruction on providing convenience to travellers in keeping with the switchover to the top emergency anti-epidemic system.

At workplaces, officials

busy themselves with providing living conditions for their employees and in villages, neighbours share food, medicines and other necessities with one another. Most recently, residents of a dong in Sosong District, Pyongyang, left for a pharmacy where combatants of the military medicine sector were discharging

the mission of medicine supply and transport in the city, with relief materials as they were deeply moved by their devoted service. But the medics refused to receive the aid, saying they should not cause any slight inconvenience to residents. So they had no other choice than to leave the materials at the entrance of the pharmacy. The relief materials, however, were sent by the service personnel to a dong office in the hope that they would be given to families in difficulties. Thus the relief was sent back to the people. Such instance was not confined to the dong.

Many people help and lead one another forward to overcome hardship together on the strength of virtues and affection, finding happiness in devoting themselves to others.

A doctor named Jo Jong Sun at the Changdo county town polyclinic returned to her workplace after making house calls all day long. As she found that her fellow household doctor was laid up in bed, she left for the residents in the colleague's charge for disease screening and medical check-up.

After she finished the medical examination of dozens of families, the following day was dawning. An old man called Jo Pong Sam in Jongju City who had retired from a hospital is providing medical service at his former workplace with a resolve to make a contribution to the country even a bit since it is undergoing hardship.



Two workers in protective gowns sterilize a workshop at the Pyongyang Cosmetics Factory.

‘Marshal Kim Jong Un is heaven of our destiny’

By **Kang Hye Jin**

The Korean community in Japan is bubbling over with excitement on receiving the news about the adoption of the DPRK law on the protection of the overseas compatriots’ rights and interests at the Sixth Session of the 14th Supreme People’s Assembly last February.

Some officials of the Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) made big bows towards the sky of the motherland saying the law is another privilege and the greatest honour given to the overseas compatriots by the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un, and many Koreans are visiting Chongryon branches continuously to share the excitement saying they can envision the future when the policies desired and welcomed by the compatriots are carried out in succession.

As I read the law which stipulates that the state shall give precedence to protecting and promoting the rights

and interests of overseas compatriots and broadly provide them with encouraging and preferential treatment in various domains including politics, the economy and social culture, some unforgettable memories flooded my mind.

A legendary story is still told among us about the benevolent care of the great President Kim Il Sung who sent the draft constitution of the republic to be founded in the beginning of the building of a new country, to the Korean compatriots in Japan who were suffering from maltreatment and absence of rights so that they could reflect their opinions on the state affairs.

He set forward the historic policy on the change of line during the Fatherland Liberation War (1950-1953) and, after Chongryon was formed, adopted the nationality law of the DPRK, thus turning the Korean compatriots in Japan into legitimate overseas citizens of the country.

With the adoption of the nationality law stipulating the problem of overseas

compatriots’ acquisition of citizenship and nationality and the rights of overseas citizens of the DPRK on October 9 1963, the Korean compatriots in Japan came under the political and legal protection of their homeland.

Chairman Kim Jong Il firmly defended the destiny of our homeland and Chongryon by dint of Songun and, whenever the Japanese authorities oppressed and persecuted the Korean compatriots by means of a variety of draconian laws, he saw to it that the DPRK government issued statements and raised strong international criticism against Japan.

The respected Marshal Kim Jong Un has sent us congratulatory messages every year and clarified the path to be followed by Chongryon by publishing immortal works, while bestowing great love and trust on Chongryon officials and other Korean compatriots.

The preface of the rules of the Workers’ Party of Korea amended at the Eighth Congress of the WPK newly specifies contents on

safeguarding and ensuring the democratic national rights and interests of overseas Koreans.

In his congratulatory message sent to the chairman of the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon on the first morning of this year, the respected General Secretary said that our Party and the DPRK government will devotedly implement the policies awaited and welcomed by all the compatriots, including the provision of a stronger legal guarantee for defending and ensuring the rights and interests of the overseas compatriots in this auspicious year, true to the behests of the President and the Chairman.

We will wage a dynamic struggle for defending the democratic national rights of Koreans in Japan and carry on the proud tradition of national education, true to the intention of the respected General Secretary.

The author is advisor to the Human Rights Association of Koreans in Japan.

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‘We will build wonderful new streets for people without fail’



Choe Sung Chol
Manager of the Junggu Public Building Construction Company

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said at the Eighth Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea that however grave the current anti-epidemic situation may be, it can never check our advance towards the comprehensive development of socialist construction and nothing should be missed in the planned economic affairs. And he urged the Cabinet and other state economic guidance organs and relevant units to more

scrupulously organize, guide and command economic work in line with the requirements of the situation under which the state emergency epidemic prevention system was switched over to the top emergency anti-epidemic system to step up as much as possible the immediate farming and production at major industrial sectors and establishments and flawlessly complete within the set time the projects to fulfil the cherished desire of our Party for the people such as the construction of 10

000 flats in the Hwasong area and the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm.

Our Party is the party of the people that unveils such a grand plan as to pick out the stars in the sky if it were for the people and produces wonderful results without fail.

In the past one year we, builders, worked hard to turn Songhwa Street into another ideal street under the wise leadership of the Workers’ Party of Korea and the working people who were in charge of the supply of materials needed for the construction also staged a bold increased production drive.

In the course of it, officials, designers and builders in the construction field have broadened

their vision and insight, improved their technical skills a level higher, taken greater pride in their own efforts and styles and gathered immense courage to achieve all their ideals.

These are really invaluable gains which cannot be compared to any material wealth.

As an official in the construction sector who is directly responsible for the construction of 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area, a project for fulfilling the cherished desire of the WPK, I am determined to work harder to build wonderful new streets for the people on the level desired by the Party and in the time planned by it on the basis of these increased strength and practical experience.

BYWORD

People-first architecture

The Juche-oriented socialist architecture is, in essence, based on the people-first principle and it is the construction policy of the Workers’ Party of Korea to carry out all construction works in the country on the principle of fully satisfying the people’s aspirations and demands and promoting their interests and convenience.

It is natural for all construction works to serve the promotion of the people’s wellbeing in the DPRK where the people-first politics is administered.

As the building of dwelling houses for people is being pushed ahead, Songhwa Street and Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District were completed and

Samjiyon City was spruced up as a fine example of local construction.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un, in his letter to the participants in the Second Grand Short Course of Officials in the Construction Sector last February, said that the mission of the officials in the construction sector is very important and heavy in

providing the people with the happiest life and bringing about a fresh transformation of the appearance of the Juche-oriented architecture by fully applying the Party’s people-first idea of architecture, and called on them to lead the development of socialist civilization with a new revolution in construction.

OPINION

Grave challenge to peace and security of the world

By **Kim Jong Hyok**

Japanese defense ministry recently made public a draft of its “2022 White Paper on Defense”. In it, it picked a quarrel with our measure to bolster self-defence capacities saying that we “are unilaterally increasing the degree of provocation against the international society.”

Japan, through its annually announced White Paper, never misses provoking us as a “threat” and “provocation”, and is behaving itself as a judge.

This is just an ill-willed behaviour like a thief crying “Stop thief!”.

Does Japan then have any real qualification or face to pick on the other calling it as a “threat”?

If we are to speak about Japan, it is a criminal state which inflicted immeasurable misfortune, suffering and disaster upon humankind with its continued aggression and war in the last century.

The tragedy of bloodshed did not cease, and hot-blooded outcry did not abate wherever aggressive military boots of Japanese imperialism had reached.

Especially, the gravest crime against humanity committed by the Japanese imperialists in Korea was the most outrageous and cruellest one unprecedented in the history of aggressive wars.

The Japanese imperialists abducted and took in custody millions of young and middle-aged people before forcing them slave labour or sacrificing them as cannon fodder, and committed shuddering atrocities of turning hundreds of thousands of women into sexual slaves. The world, to say nothing of the Korean people, are demanding that Japan make an apology and compensation for it.

But Japan denies its bloodstained past, far from making an apology for its A-class crime against humanity it had committed in the past. It also does not hesitate to extol to the skies the chief war criminals who had died in the aggressive war.

It is none other than Japan which persists in pursuing the revival of the imperial times. This includes naming the newly-built warships after those which were buried in the sea during the aggressive war in the last century.

Recently, Japan is showing ill-boding military moves while putting spurs to the possession of offensive weapons aimed at a preemptive strike against its opponent.

Japan, a war criminal state which had invaded many countries in the last century, continues to build up its military strength without offering any apology to its war crimes.

All the facts vividly show that it indeed poses a grave challenge to peace and security of the world.

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China exposes nature of American Foundation for Promotion of Democracy

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Recently, the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, at a regular press conference, has asserted that the American Foundation for Promotion of Democracy is indeed the “second CIA” saying that the Chinese foreign ministry made public through its website materials fully exposing its true colours before the world.

He pointed out that the US, making democracy as a tool and a weapon for a long period of time, has promoted anti-democracy under the guise of democracy, and brought about disastrous consequences by stirring up division and confrontation and interfering into the internal affairs

of other countries.

He criticized the American Foundation for Promotion of Democracy for always standing behind the “colour revolution” schemed and pushed ahead by the US historically, saying that it brought up the pro-American puppet forces after overthrowing the legitimate governments of other countries under the pretext of “promoting democracy”.

He also referred to the facts that the foundation with its dark claw being stretched to China incited “independence of Xinjiang”, “independence of Hong Kong” and “independence of Tibet” and conducted activities against China, while investing a colossal amount of fund every year and that it, in collusion with the forces seeking “independence of Taiwan”, sought

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Drug-malignant tumour in American society

A few days ago, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the US released data showing that more than 107 000 people died due to overdose of medicines and of them over 80 000 from medicinal poisoning related to opium strain.

The Centers explained that the figures are a 15% increase over 2020 and 50% increase as against 2019.

The contributing factor to the loss of tens of thousands of lives due to drug every year in the US is directly linked with drug trafficking which is prevalent with each passing day as well as irresponsibility of drug manufacturers and all kinds of social evils.

In reality, 2021 witnessed serious cases of drug trafficking in the

division of China and undermined stability of the Taiwan Strait.

Finally, he emphasized that the foundation’s act of being absorbed in interfering into the internal affairs of other countries, however hard it may try to disguise itself, will be doomed to failure in the end.

Recently, US politicians openly interfered into the internal affairs of China again. They instigated the separatist forces of Taiwan in every way and criticized the election of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region while talking about “freedom” and “democracy”.

The American Foundation for Promotion of Democracy and other “NGOs” are just playing a leading role in realizing the US strategy on China which is to tarnish the image of China and curb its development

border area between the US and Mexico. Because of this, drug-related mortality rate in this area soared eight times more than 2020.

One expert asserted that the fatality by medicinal poisoning is on the rapid increase in the US as drug manufacturers have overused fentanyl, cocaine and methamphetamine since the outbreak of the pandemic allegedly to enhance medicinal effect of their products.

The rapid spread of COVID-19 produced economic upheaval, leading to abject penury. It is said that it is also directly connected with increased drug addicts.

An average of 20 veterans take drugs for suicide every day in the US, the biggest drug consumer in the world. The rate of drug abuse among young people is also on the increase.

The drug abuse in the US

by arousing public opinion against China in the world.

All the facts clearly prove that the “freedom” and “democracy” touted so often by the US are nothing but a political tool to be used for interfering into the internal affairs of the countries which stand for independence against imperialism and are not submissive to it with the purpose of dividing and disintegrating them.

The impudent criminal act of the US which foments division and confrontation devoting itself to interfering into the internal affairs of other countries and infringing upon their sovereignty under the cloak of “democracy” will meet a stiffer resistance from the peoples of different countries of the world who aspire after independence and justice, peace and prosperity.

universities is omnipresent. Reportedly, some students are even taking hemp on a regular basis in dormitories.

Despite this reality, the US President, when he released his national drug control strategy in April, said the US administration is trying to resolve the drug problem. He also told such lies without any hesitation that it’s time they treat addiction like any other disease and that they are disrupting drug traffickers’ financial networks, supply chains, and delivery routes.

This is really a nonsensical talk. Successive US administrations have been boisterous about extermination of drug-related crimes at every available opportunity. But the drug problem is a malignant tumour which can never be cured in the US which is inundated with all social evils.

Briefly

China
Satellites put into space
On May 20, China sent into space communications test satellites at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre.

Launched atop a “Long March 2C” carrier rocket, the low-orbit satellites are reportedly to be used mainly for verifying the communications technology tests in orbits.

Russia
Defence Minister expresses stance to counter NATO’s moves

Russian Defence Minister Sergey Shoigu in his speech at the council meeting of the Defence Ministry on May 20 expressed Moscow’s stand to cope with NATO’s moves to escalate tension.

Saying that NATO is expanding the scale of operation and combat training around Russia, he referred to the ongoing large-scale military exercise with an involvement of about 40 000 troops from NATO member nations.

The number of sorties made by NATO fighter jets into the sky near the Russian border increases and its warships regularly advance into the Baltic Sea, posing growing military threat to the country in the western border areas, he said.

As a countermeasure, Russia will organize 12 new army units in the western military district by the end of this year and they will be supplied with over 2 000 pieces of modern weaponry and military and technical equipment, he added.

WHO
Maintaining careful anti-epidemic measures called for

The director-general of the World Health Organization said that the COVID-19 crisis is not yet over and appealed to all nations to keep strict anti-epidemic measures at the 75th World Health Assembly held in Geneva, Switzerland, on May 22.

He said that the COVID-19 would not come to an end unless it is terminated in all parts of the world.

He added that this pandemic would not vanish like magic, but it can be terminated.

CSTO
NATO blasted for its expansionist moves

On May 22, the secretary general of the collective security treaty organization expressed its stand to counter the potential expansion of NATO in a radio programme of Belarus.

The organization has enough forces and means to cope with the potential threats of NATO and is becoming not only a military and political bloc but also a multi-functional organization to prevent other threats, he said.

The organization has the ability to safeguard its member nations, and is ready to properly cope with the potential expansion of NATO, he stressed.

TOP WOMAN COACH OF KOREAN MARTIAL ART



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Ri Chol Ok constantly strived to improve her practical qualifications and is strict to her trainees so as to train them into top players prepared physically, technically and tactically.”

Han Hyok Bom, player of the Taekwon-Do team of Jagang Province

By Pang Un Ju PT

In the past, Ri Chol Ok (pictured), coach of the Taekwon-Do team of Jagang Province, took part in the Taekwon-Do world championships as member of the DPRK team and demonstrated her might as a world ace, exalting the dignity and honour of the country, the home of Taekwon-Do.

She began to work as coach of the Taekwon-do team of Jagang Province in 2012.

“Ri Chol Ok has devoted her all to training excellent Taekwon-Do players. She constantly strived to improve her practical qualifications and is strict with her trainees so as to train them into top players prepared physically, technically and tactically,” said Han Hyok Bom, who

plays at the team.

The level of coach is reflected in the real ability of players, he said, and added that under her guidance several players came to rank among the domestic and world Taekwon-Do stars.

With high qualifications, strict demand and inexhaustible energy, Ri trained several players in her charge into members of the national team. And during her participation as one of the coaches of the national team at the 21st Taekwon-Do world championships, she made a great contribution to its members' achieving good results.

Last year, at the Mangyongdae Prize national martial arts championships held in celebration of the Day of the Sun (April 15, birth anniversary of President

Kim Il Sung), she guided Ri Su Rim in her charge to win three gold medals in women's individual fourth dan pattern, team pattern and individual 62kg-category sparring and helped the Jagang provincial Taekwon-Do team obtain over 20 medals including eight gold medals and take the second place in total.

“It was only for a few years that I trained under the guidance of coach Ri Chol Ok. But she has led me with exact demand and warm care since she selected me. The gold medals I won are associated with her devoted efforts,” said Ri Su Rim.

Ri Chol Ok, who made a great contribution to training excellent Taekwon-Do reserve players to challenge the world level, was selected as one of the top ten coaches of the DPRK for 2021.

A Korean medical classic and its author

A feudal Joseon dynasty scholar Ho Im compiled *Chimgugyonghombang* by bringing together fundamentals of acupuncture and moxibustion and his own experience.

By Kim Kum Myong PT

Chimgugyonghombang is an old Korean medical book on acupuncture and moxibustion.

Ho Im, a scholar of Koryo medicine in the period of feudal Joseon dynasty (1392-1910), brought together the fundamental theories of acupuncture and moxibustion and his long clinical experience and compiled the book by dividing them into 70 items. That's why it is also called “*Hoinchimgugyonghombang*”, or a book on Ho Im's experience of acupuncture and moxibustion.

He began to acquire medical knowledge to cure his parents' disease as he worked as an odd-job man in a doctor's home and took a special interest in acupuncture and moxibustion.

In the course of this, he broadened his experience and got the knacks of acupuncture and moxibustion. He became widely known both at home and abroad and was therefore appointed as a court doctor which was a kind of medical officer at the time.

He asserted that medical science could be developed through the combination of theories and practice

since the beginning of his medical career. In 1644 he systematized his all medical experience to compile *Chimgugyonghombang*, the first book specializing in acupuncture and moxibustion in Korea.

The book consists of the general and particulars. The general explains in brief the acupoints physicians may mistake, symptoms of different diseases and their relations with the bowels and meridians, positions and functions of commonly-used 138 acupoints belonging to the 12 hard pulses, methods of applying acupuncture and moxa, indications and contraindications of the therapies, how to set acupoints and 57 extra channels. The particulars follow the original style and systems of the book to give a clear description of the causes and symptoms of various diseases occurring in relevant parts from the head to legs and the intestines and cures for them, while classifying and compiling in a manual style acupuncture and moxibustion methods for internal and surgical treatment and that of infectious diseases, female disorders and children's diseases.

In the book he not only put together the basics of acupuncture and moxibustion and excellent treatment experiences but corrected

the acupoints and applying methods the preceding medical books misled and revealed new acupoints with high efficiency.

He also came up with a unique tonification and excess-curling method based on his view that patients respond differently according to how the needles are inserted.

In case a needle is to be inserted five phuns (a phun is equivalent to 0.119 inch) deep, a doctor pricks it two phuns deep first, another two phuns after a while and finally one phun after a little interval and gets a patient to take a breath before plucking out the needle at one try and rubbing the acupoint to save the spirit. And another one is that the doctor inserts the needle five phuns deep at one time and plucks up it two phuns at each interval and makes a patient breathe out before removing it without rubbing the acupoint. The former is a method for tonification and the latter for excess-curling.

The book shows well the development of acupuncture and moxibustion in Korea at that time and made a great contribution to the later development of the therapies. The tonification and excess-curling method he developed is still being applied in practice.

Islet in Sea Kumgang, natural monument

By Ri Sang Il PT

Sol Islet in Sea Kumgang is scores of kilometres away from the township of Kosong County.

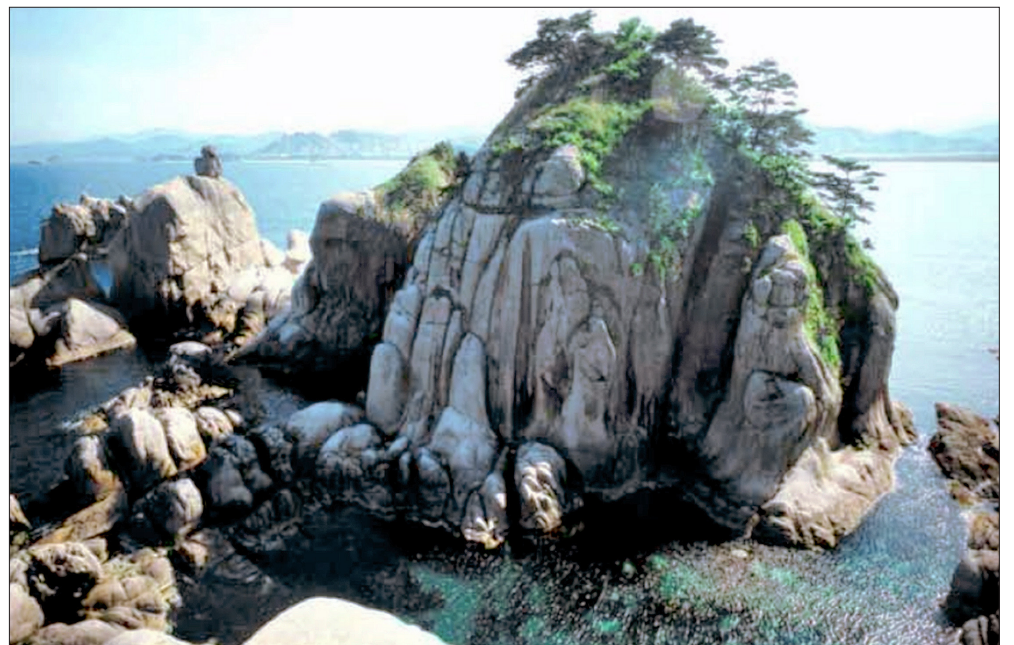
It was named thus as it is a small rocky island covered with pines situated in Sea Kumgang.

Granites belonging to the Mesozoic era were weathered through ages into the islet.

Surrounded by different rocks including Sagong Rock (Boatman Rock), Chilsong Rock (Great Dipper Rock), Ingo Rock (Carp Rock) and Olgul Rock (Face Rock), it serves as a habitat for seabirds.

It rises some 50 metres above the sea level. Pines grow in thick verdure in the almost soilless islet, and the trees swaying in the wind conspicuously go well with sea waves.

As the one typical of the scenery of Sea Kumgang, the islet is of significance in studying rock erosion caused by wind and rain and sea water and the growth of pine trees.



Sol Islet in Sea Kumgang.

